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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(B)(1) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/776,625, filed on February 5, 2001, which will issue on August 26, 2003, as Patent No. 6,611,202, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/313,139, filed on May 17, 1999, now Patent No. 6,222,447, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/935,336, filed on September 22, 1997, now Patent No. 5,949,331, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/445,527, filed on May 22, 1995, now Patent No. 5,670,935, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/023,918, filed on February 26, 1993, now Patent No. 5,550,677.

Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed.

The attached papers are a true copy of the prior application Serial No. 09/776,625 as originally filed on February 5, 2001.

The filing fee is calculated below:

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twenty, times \$18.00 \$ 396.00

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Total Filing Fee \$1,146.00

A check in the amount of \$1,146 for the filing fee is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0190. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Please enter the amendment before calculating the fee.

Amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, line 3:

After "This application is a" insert --continuation of application Serial No. 09/776,625, filed on February 5, 2001, now Patent No. 6,611,202, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/313,139, filed on May 17, 1999, now Patent No. 6,222,447, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/935,336, filed on September 22, 1997, now Patent No. 5,949,331, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/445,527, filed on May 22, 1995, now Patent No. 5,670,935, which is a--.

Page 1, line 4:

After "Larson" insert ", now Patent No. 5,550,677".

A Patent Application Bibliographic Data Form is enclosed.

New formal drawings are enclosed.

The prior application is assigned to Donnelly Corporation of 414 East Fortieth Street, Holland, Michigan 49423 as recorded at Reel 7599, Frame 0707, on July 14, 1995.

Applicants respectfully request that information cited in the prior parent application, Serial No. 09/776,625, be considered in the present application. A Disclosure Statement is enclosed along with copies of Forms PTO-1449 listing all of the information from the prior parent application.

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## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL

I certify that this paper together with the attached continuation patent application comprising a Patent Application Bibliographic Data Form (2 pages); Preliminary Amendment (11 pages); copy of prior application Serial No. 09/776,625, filed on February 5, 2001 (34 pages), and Declaration as originally filed (1 page); seven (7) sheets of drawings (in duplicate); cover letter (3 pages, in duplicate); Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages), Forms PTO-1449 (10 sheets), and copies of information referenced in the Information Disclosure Statement as being attached (i.e., Application Ser. No. 10/324,679); check in the amount of \$1,146 for the filing fee; and return postal card are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail in an envelope having Express Mail Mailing Label Number EV303946913US addressed to:

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